**Evolution of a pesticides policy**

2768. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new pesticides policy has been evolved by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir. The Department of Scientific & Industrial Research has not evolved any new pesticides policy.

(b) Does not arise.

**Suspension of IAS/IPS, etc. Officers by the Assam Government**

2769. SHRI KAMALENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Assam had recently suspended some IAS, IPS and other All India Service Cadre officers;

(b) whether the concerned officers had made representations to the Central Government; and

(c) if so, what action the Central Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Government of Assam have recently placed under suspension two officers of the Indian Administrative Service, two of the Indian Police Service and four of the Indian Forest Service.

(b) One officer each of the IAS, IPS and IFS preferred appeals to the Central Government against their suspension. In the case of two IFS officers, the State Government themselves revoked the suspension.

(c) The appeal of the IFS officer was accepted. However, after reinstating him as per directions of Central Government, the State Government again placed him under suspension after a few days. He has again preferred an appeal. The appeals of the officers will be decided on merits.

**Revision of rent of DDA (MIG) Flats hired by the Defence Estate Officer**

2770. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Defence Estate Officer, Delhi Cantt, under the Ministry of Defence hired DDA (MIG) flats for allotment to Defence personnel; if so, what is the monthly rent being paid to owners of DDA (MIG) flats;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the rent being paid to the owners is much less than what is admissible to Central Government Employees especially after recent hike in house rent allowance; and

(c) whether Government propose to revise the rent of DDA (MIG) flats; if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) The Defence Estate Officer, Delhi Cantonment hires flats/houses, including DDA (MIG) flats, in Delhi for allotment to Defence Personnel. Flats having plinth area upto 900 sft. are hired for a maximum rent of Rs. 900/- p.m. and those flats having plinth area of more than 900 sft. are hired upto a maximum rent of Rs. 1200/- per month.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The rental rates for hiring accommodation are fixed taking into account the plinth area, specification and the prevail-